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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Offensive Systems Division, OSI

ATTENTION:

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Missile Test Area in Egypt

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement OSI/R-1/63  
(b) PID/CIA Project C 29-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 4 January 1963 requesting a detailed study of the Egyptian Missile Test and Launch Facility.

2. The attached is a preliminary report on the Egyptian Missile Test and Launch Facility.

3. The graphics prepared for this report will be forwarded under separate cover.

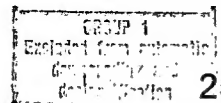
4. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] and he may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

Enclosure:

1 - Draft report (2 pages)

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## EGYPTIAN MISSILE TEST AND LAUNCH FACILITY

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A missile launching and engine test facility has been identified from

[REDACTED] photography 33 nm west-northwest of Cairo at 30-09-00N 30-37-30E.

The installation is located 10 nm west of the abandoned Gebel Hamzi Airfield.

An all weather road leads from the Cairo-Alexandria highway (Desert Road) at the airfield and terminates at the test facility. The installation was not present on [REDACTED]

The launch point consists of a circular pad 125 feet in diameter. To the northeast are two assembly/checkout buildings with a third indistinct structure adjacent to the road. Several scarred patterns around the buildings may indicate construction of additional support facilities. Ground support equipment cannot be identified from the small scale photography.

An oval road pattern northwest of the launch pad appears to enclose a mounded area which may be utilized as a control bunker. South of the launch pad another branch road serves a probable drive-through building. An engine test facility is located on a ridge north of the launch pad. A cut has been made in the ridge, 350 to 400 feet long and about 150 feet wide at the upper end. The nature of the test stand cannot be determined.

Approximately 2.5 nm southeast of the launch pad is a small scarred area adjacent to the road. This area may serve as an observation point for viewing missile launchings.

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An area search was made extending approximately 60 nm in an arc from the northwest to the southwest of the test facility. No impact areas or downrange instrumentation were detected. No other launch positions or support facilities which might be associated with this test facility were observed.

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Maps

AMS Series P 502, Sheet NH 36-5, 3rd ed, Apr 61, 1:250,000, Unclassified.  
US Air Target Chart-Series 200, SQ 447-11AL, 1st ed, May 61, 1:200,000  
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